

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows. All paragraph identifications are with reference to the published application No. 2010/0212200.

Please insert the section heading, "TITLE OF THE INVENTION" immediately prior to paragraph [0001] at page 1.

Please insert the section heading, "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" after the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section and prior to paragraph [0001] on page 1 of the published application.

Please insert the section heading, "SUMMARY" between paragraphs [0003] and [0004] on page 1 of the published application.

Please insert the section heading, "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" between paragraphs [0026] and [0027] on page 2 of the published application.

Please amend paragraphs [0027]-[0029] on page 2 as follows:

[0027] The present invention will now be described in more detail with reference to the drawings, in which the same reference number is used to indicate like features in different drawings, and wherein:

[0028] Figure 1 is a diagram showing a picture framed using an apparatus according to the present invention, with the framing portions in their first, unsecured position; [[and]]

[0029] Figure 2 is a diagram showing the picture of figure 1 with the framing portions in their second, secured position[[.]]; and

[0030] Figure 3 is a diagram showing an alternative embodiment of a picture framed using an apparatus according to the present invention, with the framing portions in their first, unsecured position.

Please insert the section heading, "DETAILED DESCRIPTION" between paragraphs [0029] and [0030] on page 2 of the published application.

Please amend paragraphs [0031] and [0032] on page 2 as follows:

[0031] FIGS. ~~1 and 2~~ 1-3 show a picture 1 framed using a framing apparatus comprising four framing portions 2. The framing portions 2 are attached to the edges of the picture 1 or backing portion 8, with two shorter framing portions 2a being attached to the top and bottom edges of the picture and two longer framing portions 2b being attached to the left hand and right hand edges of the picture. The shorter framing portion 2a attached to the top edge of the picture is provided with a hole at the centre of its length, on the back, to allow the picture 1 to be hung from a wall.

[0032] The framing portions 2 are provided with semi circular shaped flaps 3 and corresponding slits 4, and with scored lines 5. When the flaps 3 are not secured in the slits 4, as shown in FIG.1, the framing portions 2 are flexible and may be substantially flat or may be bent or rolled. Accordingly, in this first, unsecured, position the framed picture may be rolled up to allow ease of storage or transportation. The rolled up framed picture may be secured for transportation by any suitable releasable securing means, for example, a zip 11 and 12, or a flap 9 and corresponding slit system 10.

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An apparatus for framing and/or hanging a picture (1) which comprises one or more framing portions (2). Each framing portion (2) is made from a flexible material. Each framing portion (2) is adapted so as to have a first position in which it can be freely removed from a substantially flat conformation to other conformations and a second position in which it is secured in the shape of a three-dimensional shape, by means such as flaps (3) and corresponding slits (4). The apparatus may be provided with ~~[[an]]~~ integral packaging ~~means-~~ material. Also provided is a framed picture (1) provided with four framing portions (2) such that each edge of the picture (1) is provided with a framing portion (2).